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WARNING LETTER

September 4, 1997

Mr. Todd Beckman
Owner
St. Louis Tan Co.
5664 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Dear Mr. Beckman:

The inspection of your tanning facility, St. Louis Tan Co. at 5664 Telegraph Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129, on July 23-25, 1997, by investigator Dennis Butcher revealed serious violations of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (the Act). The investigator documented significant items of noncompliance with the Federal Performance Standard for Sunlamp Products as prescribed in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1040. 20 (21 CFR 1040.20) in conjunction with tanning beds in operation at your facility. The inspection indicated the noncompliances for Puretan model California 30 beds located in rooms 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15.

The inspection revealed that the tanning beds were misbranded within the meaning of Section 502(f) of the Act. There was no user instruction manual or documentation of lamp compatibility available for these tanning beds to provide adequate directions for use in such manners as necessary to protect users against potentially harmful exposure to ultraviolet radiation [21 CFR 1040.20(e)(1)].

The above identification of violations is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of deficiencies regarding sunlamp products at your firm. It is your responsibility to assure that electronic sunlamp products are maintained so that they continue to comply with the provisions of the Act. You should take prompt action to correct these violations. Failure to correct these violations may result in regulatory action, including seizure, injunction, and/or civil money penalties, without further notice.

You should notify this office in writing 15 working days of receipt of this letter, of specific steps you have taken to correct these violations. If corrections cannot be completed within 15 working days, state the reason for the delay and the time frame within which corrections will be completed.

Your reply should be directed to Deborah M. McGee, Radiation Specialist, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 7920 Elmbrook Drive, Suite 102, Dallas, Texas 75247-4982, telephone (214) 655-8100, ext. 138.

Sincerely,

for B. Belinda Collins
Regional Radiological Health Representative
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